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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS:

Please replace Paragraph [0029] with the following:

[0029] B. P. Weiss, H. Vali, F. J. Baudenbacher, J. L. Kirschvink, S. T. Stewart, and J. L. Kirschvink D. L. Shuster, Earth and Planetary Science Letters 201, 449 (2002) Nature (London) (to be published).

Please delete Paragraphs [0030], [0033], [0037], and [0045] of the patent application.